First of all, David Baum was instrumental in forming the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall. In an editorial entitled "Pioneer Spirit Can It Last,?" that was published in THE CARBONDALE NEWS of September 2, 1981, page 4, David Baum, Editor of THE CARBONDALE NEWS from January 1, 1981 to May 26, 1982, asked two highly important questions with answers of great consequence for Carbondale City Hall. He asked: "Wouldn't it be nice if a 'Restore City Hall' drive would be started to obtain funds to redo the outside (of Carbondale City Hall)? Wouldn't it be nice if it (Carbondale City Hall) was restored to its former beauty and was a credit to the city, instead of an eyesore?" Because David Baum asked those two questions, the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall was formed, on November 6, 1981. Shortly thereafter, when the Committee elected its officers, David Baum was elected Vice President of the Committee, a position he still holds.

The Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, was formed, it is appropriate to here note, for four reasons: (1) to restore Carbondale City Hall; (2) to preserve and restore all those buildings in Carbondale and the surrounding area that are significant in local history and culture and which, collectively, constitute our irreplacable cultural and architectural inheritance; (3) to perpetuate, promote and impart a knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the history of Carbondale and the surrounding area to the community as a whole; and (4) to put the history of Carbondale (its buildings, its traditions, its culture) to work in the service of the present and of the future for the betterment of the entire community.